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Sunday Morning, May 7, 1916.

### THE DIRECT PRIMARY AGAIN

The Omaha World-Herald prints a letter from Robert Ross, of Lexington, Nebraska, who was a candidate, under the primary law, for president of the United States and who received between 15,000 and 20,000 votes, or about twenty percent of the total votes cast. Mr. Ross had qualified on both the republican and democratic tickets. While he was not in the lead on either ticket, his aggregate vote was far larger than that of Estabrook, for example, and nearly equalled that of Cummins, who gets the state on the republican ticket, or that of Henry Ford who was less than three hundred votes behind Cummins.

Few people of Nebraska knew anything of Ross. They didn't know in what business he was engaged or what sort of platform he was running on. In view of the heavy vote cast for him, a citizen of Wayne, Neb., wrote Mr. Ross asking for some facts regarding himself. Under a letter head showing the candidate to be the proprietor of a livery stable, the following reply was written:

"Lexington, Neb., April 24, 1916. Wayne, Neb., Mr. W. L. Gaston, Dear sir:—your card received and will say that I was born in Repley Ohio. My parents moved from there when I was 2 years old to Cattlesburg, K Y was there and at Portsmouth Ohio, and raised a sa methodist of which my parents was when about 17 came to Nebraska Lexington Dawson Co about 31 years ago was on ranches and later a farmer for about 25 years different things a short time in the vangelical Church in early days and now a member of Presbyterian here in Lexington Neb for about 9 years, have never taken a drink of liquor nor my father eather since I was old enough to know till he died you preachers ought to get busy and give the delegates to under stand what your intention is if they nominated a man of whiskey type or one going to you faced as some of them is very truly—Robert G. Ross Lexington Neb."

Mr. Ross may be and probably is a successful manager of a livery stable, which is a perfectly legitimate and honorable business. The proprietor of a livery stable might be presidential timber. But judging from the above letter Mr. Ross is a man of absolutely no education and hasn't the slightest grasp of any public question. He doesn't know there are such things as public questions.

Yet a man of that stamp—utterly unqualified for a position on the council of a town of five hundred people—under the direct primary law in a state having next to the lowest percentage of illiteracy of all the state in the union, received about twenty per cent of the aggregate vote cast by the two great political parties.

This showing was made by the primary law as exercised by one of the most intelligent electorates of the whole United States, at a time when this nation faces conditions of the utmost importance which may involve the gravest consequences. If ever there was a time since the civil war when the country needed a big, broad-minded, clear-visioned, decisive man in the White House, it is now. For nearly two years the nation has been confronted with the gravest dangers, and the next four or five years are sure to be charged with events of the most solemn import. Yet, under the system devised for the "rule of the people" about twenty per cent of the voters who went to the polls in the great agricultural and industrial state of Nebraska cast their ballots for an ignorant as their choice for president of the United States.

What was done in Nebraska might be done under the direct primary in any other state of the union, and it is easily conceivable that a glib-talking demagogue of no qualifications for membership in the New Mexico legislature, might be nominated for president by one of the great political parties. When we can have such congressmen and senators as we have now, anything is possible to the country should the direct preference primary be come general.—Albuquerque Morning Journal.

Compared with the term of a President of the Irish Republic, that of a Chief Executive of Mexico is stable government.

After the letters of Sheriff Wheeler and A. R. Buckman the average man would like to know just who is responsible for the existing impasse in the liquor laws.

The quarantine has been lifted. There is a broad smile throughout Bisbee and Sunday night movie land will again be with us.

### A "LOYAL LEAGUE"

Within the last few weeks there has been made known the existence of a new organization of foreign-born citizens. It is the Loyal American League, with headquarters in New York City, professing to have already a membership of more than 10,000 men of foreign birth, principally Germans.

This league seeks to counteract the influence of organizations which have sided strongly with Germany in our submarine controversy. It denounces all attempts to inject alien partisanship into American politics.

Says William Lustgarten, president of the league: This is the one time when every instinct of loyal Americanism demands that we of foreign birth or origin be not misled by the trickeries and intrigues of demagogues serving the imperial double eagle of Germany instead of the single-headed eagle of this free United States.

"Sentiment and sympathy with German hills and rivers, Germany's poetry, its music, its learning and its intimate home customs must not be confused with loyalty to its imperialistic and feudal institutions. There are thousands of Germans who are not blind to the fact that it is this same feudal political German Kaiserism that drove Karl Schurz and some of the ablest minds of Germany as fugitives out of the land of their birth. It was men such as these German fugitives of sixty years ago who found refuge in the United States and established the German-American colonization.

"The Loyal American League is composed of such men. It is the answer we make to pro-Kaiser neutrality leagues financed in the dark, inspired in the interest of alien, liberty-hating monarchy. Our league is composed of thousands of Americans who wear the badge of hyphenation as an honorable family distinction, and not as the 'ivery of an alien imperialism."

Such a challenge may arouse bitterness between certain classes of German citizens. Nevertheless, its activity ought to have a wholesome effect. It is well to have an extreme anti-Kaiser group to offset the group that has gone to the opposite extremity in defending the German government in matters which the average American regards as indefensible.

But the new league's attitude is really less extreme than it would have seemed only a few weeks ago. Tens of thousands of sincere pro-Germans have recognized the evil of the Von Tirpitz type of warfare and the impossibility of the United States submitting longer to U-boat aggressions. There is less talk, too, of carrying the German controversy into the presidential campaign. The heads of two big organizations, the German-American Alliance and the American Truth Society, have publicly disclaimed any intention of doing so. There is a gratifying disposition among foreign-born citizens generally to swing toward the position of the Loyal League, although most of them are not so outspoken as Mr. Lustgarten.

### ENGLAND'S LAST CHANCE

The British failed pitifully at the Dardanelles. They have failed in the less important but very spectacular venture in Mesopotamia. The "Sick Man of Europe," the weakest member of the Teutonic alliance, has beaten and humbled the great British Empire.

In each of these campaigns against Turkey the British almost succeeded. The battleships almost pounded their way through the Dardanelles and stopped at the moment of triumph. The army, after the wonderful landing at Suvla Bay, almost cut across the Gallipoli peninsula—and were stopped only by their own fears and lack of supplies. The Tigris expedition almost took Baghdad—and was caught and captured. Every time a brilliant victory has been just missed, because of inexcusable bungling.

It seems incomprehensible that the British should have failed so signally in Mesopotamia. They failed because they did not send enough troops at first, and because they did not send enough reinforcements later. A handful of men struck at Baghdad, and then starved in a five months' siege, while there were half a million British soldiers idle in Egypt.

Maybe this last humiliation will wake up the British lion. There are said to be 1,500,000 British soldiers in France. Lord Kitchener announced originally that "the war would start in May, 1915." So far as he is concerned, it hasn't started yet. England has done wonderfully on the sea, but has suffered disaster and disgrace on land. Will it continue so to the close of the chapter, while France continues to reap the world's praise on the western front, and Russia crushes Turkey where England failed, and saves her ally by smashing the Germans and Austrians in the east?

England has this year yet to make good. If she fails, she is doomed as a world power, in spite of her navy.

Judge Tuthill of Chicago has decided to set aside the now celebrated decree in which he credited Bacon with the authorship of Shakespeare's plays. He is moved by complaints of his brethren of the bench to the effect that he has "affected the dignity and standing of the court." Supreme Justice Frederick A. Smith will now pass upon the case, and it is rather expected that he will reverse Judge Tuthill. If only Shakespeare himself could stage his trial!

A meeting of Irishmen in New York the other evening, celebrating the inauguration of the short-lived Irish Republic, hissed the name of Belgium. That is the hardest thing to understand in this whole unfortunate Irish revolt. Of all races in the world, the Irish could naturally be supposed to have the most sympathy for the Belgians, because of the two nations' common heritage of oppression and suffering. Surely it is possible to hate England without hating Belgium.

The Standard Oil Company of California has offered its employees one month without prejudice to their salary or their advancement to attend the military camp in California this summer.

## IN POLITICS

Being Original And Culled  
Notes From Exchanges Upon  
Interesting Subjects

### OLNEY FOR GOVERNOR.

After a thorough investigation of its merits the editor of the Glendale News, in a recent issue of that paper gives an unqualified endorsement of the candidacy of George Olney for governor of Arizona. Before committing himself he took the precaution, advocated by Benjamin Franklin, "be sure you are right and then go ahead," and convince him of the correctness of the position taken, he gave the candidacy a strong endorsement.

"Maricopa county has been very much interested in the announcement of George A. Olney that he would be a candidate for governor of the state of Arizona, in the Democratic primaries in opposition to the candidacy of the present incumbent, Geo. Hunt.

"The News takes this opportunity of expressing its unqualified approval of Mr. Olney's candidacy. He seems to have all of the qualities that should be possessed by the ideal candidate for the governor of a state, such as this. Being of independent means he is naturally beyond the reach of an mercenary motive. Practically his entire life, except the early part of it spent in Texas as a boy, has been lived in Arizona. He has served his former home county (Graham) as a peace officer and later as a member of the Board of Supervisors, and has been identified in an active way in the building up of all industries that have contributed to make that section of the state prosperous. He has been a cowboy, a farmer, merchant and capitalist.

"As a member of the Board of Supervisors of Graham county, his absolute insistence that the mining corporations should pay their proper share of taxes as a radical step, which brought upon him, perhaps, this disapproval of those who had to pay, but endeared him to the farmers, cattlemen and others who probably were bearing more than their share of the burden.

"First and foremost Mr. Olney has always been a taxpayer in the state of Arizona and today is perhaps one of the largest individual taxpayers in the state and his interest is bound up with that of this fellow citizens who feel the responsibility attached to the proper government of the state.

"Mr. Olney has been a resident of Maricopa county for several years, and before and after his arrival as one of our local citizens he invested heavily in Maricopa county lands, and gave various institutions in the county the aid of his name and money.

"We people of the northern end of the Salt River valley feel a particular kinship, if we may thus use the term, to Mr. Olney, in that he is the owner of large acreage here, and is our neighbor. All of his investments have been improved, and his properties are all the better for his having owned them.

"If there is any man in the state who can give this commonwealth a sane, conservative, businesslike administration without fear or favor and without prejudice for or against any class of citizens or property in the state it is George Olney. There is nothing of the ambitious, political office-seeker found in his make-up.

"Personally, he is quiet and unassuming, but determined. No one could take the success he has in private life unless he possessed all of these qualities. He has not been afraid to take his business destiny along with that of his neighbors.

"It is time that the state of Arizona as a whole and the citizenship and the prosperity of its people should be considered by the voters in opposition to the welfare and advancement of the political ambitions of any one person or class of persons. This can only be brought about by placing in the executive chair a man who is beholden to no class in

### DEMOCRATIC TICKET

City Election

May 22, 1916

For Mayor

I. C. E. Adams

For Marshal

Jas. Allison

For Clerk

Frank Walsh

For Supervisor of Streets

C. A. Bailey

For Aldermen

1st. Ward—Dan Walsh

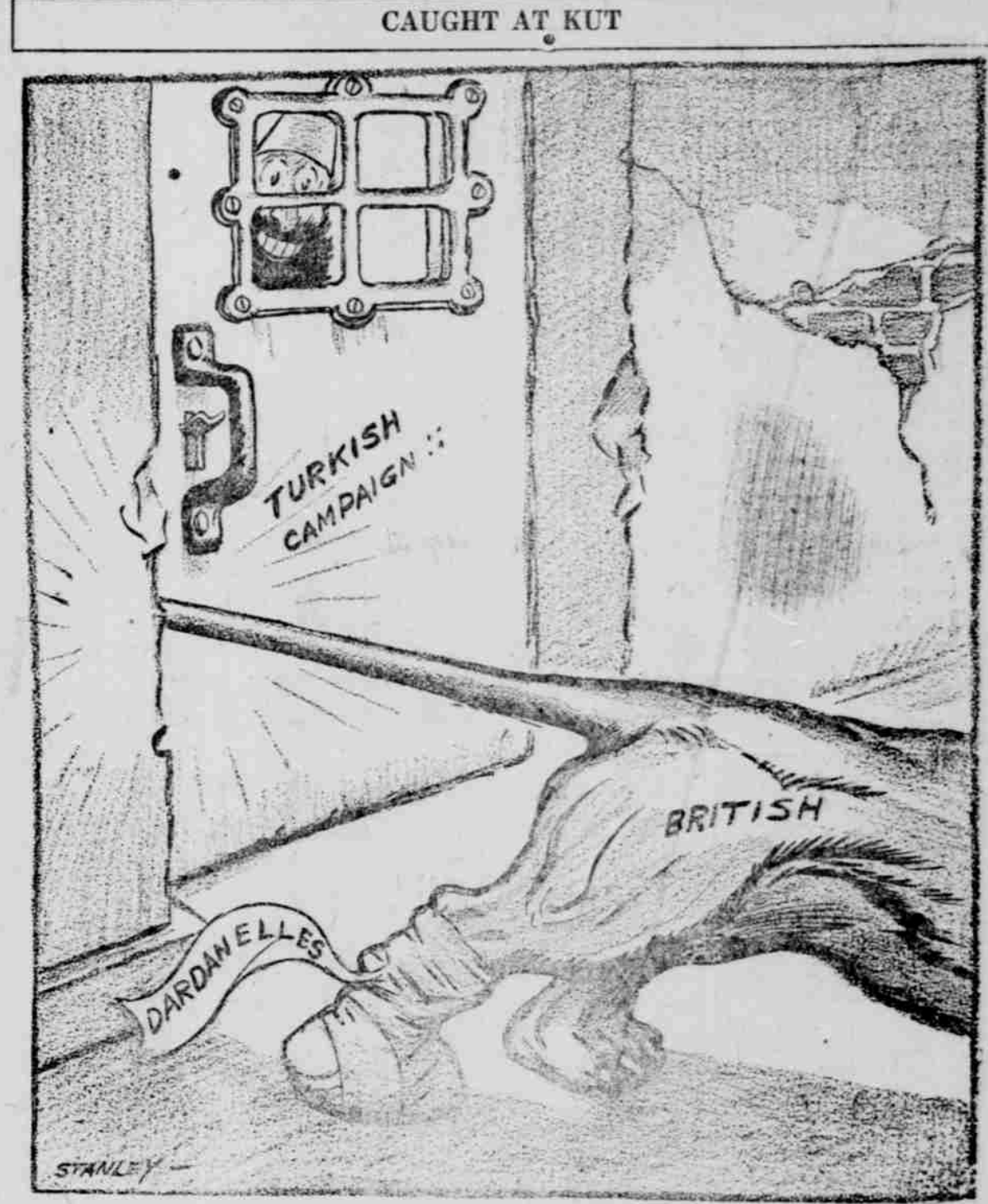
J. J. Hill

2nd. Ward—R. A. Davison

Jacob Erickson

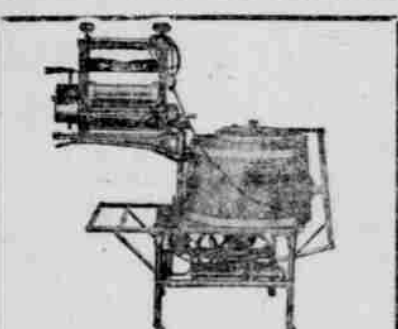
3rd. Ward—J. M. Connolly

Wm. Delbridge



particular and who will do his duty to all.

"We have hesitated some before thus expressing ourselves about Mr. Olney. We have gone into his record rather particularly to know whether or not he could be trusted for all of the people of this state. We find that there is no flaw in that record."



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### REPUBLICAN TICKET

CITY ELECTION

May 22, 1916.

For Mayor

W. R. Tonkin

For City Marshal

Orson P. McRae

For City Clerk

Martin L. Butler

For Supervisor of Streets

Barnes Tustin

For Aldermen

1st. Ward

George W. Bunker

J. M. Muheim

2nd. Ward

Arthur J. Applin

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